

Docket: T2211-9059US01

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

In re the Application of: : Confirmation No.:  
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Philip James IONS et al. : Group Art Unit:  
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Serial No.: :  
: Examiner:  
Filed: April 12, 2004 :  
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For: DIRECT SMELTING PLANT :  
McLean, Virginia  
April 12, 2004

**CLAIM FOR PRIORITY**

Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
Alexandria, Virginia 22313-1450

Sir:

In the matter of the above-identified application, a claim for priority is hereby made under the provisions of 35 U.S.C. 119, for the benefit of the filing date of Australian Provisional Application No. 2003901692 filed 10 April 2003, which will be referred to in the Inventors' Declaration, to be subsequently filed.

A certified copy of said Australian application will be filed at a later date.

Respectfully,

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